



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, May 19, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at Austin City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance were Shannon Jones, Kymberley Maddox, and Ron Hubbard. Diane Siler from the Budget Office attended. In addition, approximately 60 guests attended.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Huston called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

1. **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Huston explained that the evening meeting was to allow more public input to the ECC and focus on the Taking Charge of Change graduates. Guests were asked to introduce themselves.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF RECUSAL FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** Council Members Black, Fahrenthold, Porter, and Rosofsky recused themselves on item 5.B.ii. "Feedback to City Council on Budget and/or RFP".
3. **PROCLAMATION:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The April 12, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion and Council Member Porter's second on a 10 – 0 vote.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

a. *Taking Charge of Change*<sup>TM</sup> AUSTIN (TCCA) participants made presentations in the following areas:

- Director 1: What Is TCCA? – Karlene Bennett
- Director 2: What TCCA Meant to Me? – Dustin Withers
- Director 3: What impact did TCCA have on my program? – Patsy Harnage
- Director 4: TCCA, a year later. Raye Sansom, TCCA Graduate 2010

b. **DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Shannon Jones, Acting Director, Health and Human Services Department

- i. Discussion with ECC Members – Comments and questions regarding the budget included topics:
  - Allocation of social service funding for early childhood, and concern for recommendation with no early childhood funding.
  - Concern that the scoring matrix used made early childhood scores low.

- Priorities for services to young children in the budget.
- Emphasis on animals over children.
- ECC role in budget process and difficulty due to recusals.

ii. Possible Action: ECC Feedback to City Council on Budget and/or RFP – Due to attendance and recusals, a quorum was not available for action by the ECC.

#### **6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- Ann Wingler, Faith Presbyterian Child Development Center
- Chantel Bottoms, Citizen

7. WORK GROUP REPORTS: Each committee and work group shared a brief summary/description of their group's goals.

- a. Executive – Aletha Huston
- b. Policy Development and Research – Cindy Rojas Rodriguez
- c. Providers – Margie Sanford
- d. Finance – Natasha Rosofsky

8. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, described the role of the Coordinator's position.

9. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – None

#### **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. June 14, 2011, ECC Meeting location change to Council Chambers due to City Council use of the other meeting rooms.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting ended at 7:25 PM to the Taking Charge of Change displays and reception.

# Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month  
Scheduled Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	6/3/10 Special	JULY 10	AUG 10	SEPT 10	OCT 10	NOV 10	DEC 10	JAN 11	FEB 11	MAR 11	APR 11	MAY 19
1	Black	Albert	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Carpenter	Sue	1		E		1	1	1	1	X	X	Vacant 3/14/11	Vacant
3	Elsner	Larry	1		X		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	New appointment 10/19/2010					1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1		X		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1		1		1	1	1	E	E	1	1	1
8	Paver	Rhonda	X		1		X	1	1	1	1	E	E	X
9	Porter	Jacque			1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy	1		X		1	1	X	1	1	E	1	1
11	Rosofsky	Natasha	1		E		1	1	1	X	1	1	X	1
12	Sanford	Margie	1		1		1	1	1	1	E	1	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	1		E		1	E	X	1	X	1	E	E
	Total Members Present		10	No Mtg	6	No Mtg NoPost	11	12	11	11	9	10	9	10

Present = 1, Absent excused = E.